

ERRATIC PITCHERS; THE TWO WORST

C. E. Van Loan Compares
Rube Waddell and
"Bugs" Raymond.

(By C. E. Van Loan.)
New York, June 4.—In the race for distinction as the most erratic, eccentric and daffy pitcher in the big leagues, "Bugs" Raymond is leading by an elbow over our old friend, G. Edward Waddell, known to fame and a portion of Missouri as the "Rube."

The battle between G. Edward and the "Bug" has been a close one. For many moons Waddell held the belt for eccentricity. If he had not been a wonderful baseball player, he would have been chuckled to the minor years ago, but pitchers like Waddell are so rare that they must be preserved to the game.

We all remember the sorrows of Oscar Hammerstein and the many tribulations forced upon him by his singers, particularly the women. A woman with a wonderful voice can get away with anything short of murder in the first degree by blaming it upon her artistic temperament, which is an ornamental means for plain, unadorned meanness, selfishness and petty spite. If a soprano got jealous of another woman and tore up her contract, refused to sing her roles and played smash generally, she could blame it upon her artistic temperament, and all was forgiven. What a shame the "Rube" never heard about that artistic temperament thing! It would have been such a handy alibi for him.

"Rube's" Accomplishments.
Waddell stuck in the limelight by virtue of his ability to throw a ball like a streak of lightning and throw it twice or three times in the same place, viz: over the Goodyear. In between his marvelous performances the "Rube" established himself as a bartender, a side show barker, an actor, a sidewalk comedian, a rough and tumble brawler and a very competent vessel for mixed liquors. He enjoyed the proud eminence of supreme bug of the major leagues and everything was lovely until "Bugs" Raymond happened along. "Bugs" went the "Rube" one better. Waddell in his baldest days never had a special keeper engaged, by the management to take him gently but firmly by the elbow and steer him away from temptation.

You never heard of a chorus girl with an overdose of the artistic temperament. A chorus girl who develops tantrums is fired immediately. You never heard of an eccentric ball player who was not a good one, a bad player would be sent back to herd the cows and coar the potatoes out of the ground with a hoe.

"Rube" and the "Bug" are good players. Raymond almost drove McGraw to despair last season, for the chubby manager realized what an excellent pitcher "Bugs" really was and tried to save him for the hard finish of the season. McGraw even went so far as to try physical persuasion upon his big, but erratic southpaw, upon the ground that a swift wallop on the nose is sometimes better than a team of argument.

Booze a Plenty.
McGraw tried to keep money out of Raymond's hands, figuring that if he never had a cent he would be forced to keep his nose dry. No use. "Bugs" had too many friends. His admirers were always ready to hand him a special "Bugs" had to look up in the air when it came his turn to deliver orders to the gent in the apron.

"Turn him loose on a desert isle," said one of the players, referring to Raymond, "and inside of an hour he will turn up with a flask on his hip. How he does it, I don't know. I guess he just charms that liquor."

Unfortunately George Edward must retire from the competition. Boston is his hoodoo town. By reason of matrimonial troubles "Rube" was forced to cut Boston off the pitching list, and just as the clouds cleared away, bing! on the elbow with a red hot liner, and out goes the "Rube" with a broken bone.

Reforming Thirsty Man.
At the end of last season nobody be-

Just A Month and Who Will Be

The great Jeffries-Johnson fight is now only a month off and the whole world of sport is agog over the coming event. Sports all over the country are making preparations to attend. It has been a long time since there was one of those real championship fights that draws from every part of the world—that compels railroads to run special trains and all that sort of thing, but the coming bout in July promises to be the largest attended the world has ever known. Fight followers are coming from Europe, Australia, Africa and Asia—not to mention thousands from Canada and the United States. There will be nobles close to the king of England and advisors of the president of the United States with a possibility of an expresident, the Terrible Teddy, being at the ring side. His dignity may not permit him to come, but he will be there in heart at least.

Big Men At Fit.
With such a short time until the fight it is easy to form a false conclusion as to the fitness of the two men. There is no longer any doubt but what Jeffries will be in first class condition, but even his greatest admirers will have to admit that he is not in as fine fettle as he was when he fought Corbett and Fitzsimmons. Those who are backing him to win are betting rather on the weakness of Johnson than on the strength of Jeffries.

They all figure that while Jeffries is not the man he was ten years ago that he is still a fast one with plenty of speed and endurance and a knockout in either hand. Even as he is at present it is believed he could have won any of the fights which he fought in the past. With this in view, sport fans do not figure that Johnson can whip him. No well informed man believes that Johnson is in the class with either Corbett or Fitzsimmons when they were at their best and neither man was a match for the redoubtable Jeff. But when all is said and done it is as well to warn those who are prone to go into raptures over Jeff that the "Big Smoke" is looming mightily threatening on the sky and if two such money is placed on the favorite some sports may have to go without their eats for a good many days to come.

Last Big Fight In 1907.
The last time the good people who enjoy a fight between big men crossed the continent was when they went to Carson City in 1907 to see Fitz and Jim Corbett on that never-to-be-forgotten St. Patrick's day when Jim was led away after having suffered his first defeat.

Many who saw that great event will believe that McGraw would make another effort to reform the thirsty Raymond. It was thought that in spite of the fact that "Bugs" won 500 percent of his games, he would get the snipe, but McGraw decided to try it again on the ground that a pitcher of Raymond's class is worth saving at any cost. McGraw is willing to gamble. Should he fail to straighten out the big spitballer everybody will say: "I told you there wasn't any use." On the other hand, should the private keeper keep "Bugs" away from the disturbance water and his pitching be up to his usual standard, everyone will say that McGraw showed excellent judgment in hanging on to his souse paw through thick and thin.

Strain on a Team.
An erratic pitcher is a hard strain on a team. The men behind him never know when he is going to blow up and they are kept on a strain whenever the eccentric one works.

When "Bugs" goes into the box in good condition, his head clear and his muscles hardened by work, he pitches good enough baseball for any man's club. His keeper has been steering him away from the gin mills for some time—tough word everybody—and at last accounts McGraw was hopeful that the problem had been solved.

They say the ever loving "Rube" is consumed with jealousy because "Bugs" has a keeper. A man with a broken wing doesn't really need a keeper.

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Without question the king will affect the racing institution, in that was his chief interest. Edward was to England what Ty Cobb is to Georgia, a great man because he was a good sport. His death will curb racing because the king always stood between the institution and the reformers, almost as strong in England as in the United States. Since the king is something of a gambler himself, the appeals of the anti-bill little effect.

It is true that Edward, the popular, was interested in other sports. He attended the cricket and rugby games, witnessed the boat racing and whacked

AMATEUR BALL AND MUSIC.

The amateurs will take possession of Washington park Sunday. The Union team will play the Fort Bliss team to the accompaniment of the big brass band.

Removal sale bargains at Snyder Jewelry Co., 208 Texas.

Old Timer Goes To the Boards



LUMLEY

Another old timer has gone by the boards. This time it is Harry Lumley, the veteran hard hitting outfielder of the Brooklyn Nationals. Harry, a few years ago, was considered a star, and with "Tim" Jordan, was rated as Brooklyn's two best men. Single enough, both men have been released this season, Jordan going to the minors.

Lumley broke his leg two years ago and since that time has slowed up considerably and incidentally fell off in his hitting. His release was no surprise. It is expected that he will manage some minor league team.

new material may be picked up which will correct that defect. The team will then be in a fair way to push any team in the league out of first place. The Reds have not heretofore been much of a contender for first place and the fans of the Dutch city are wild over the showing being made.

The Boston team of the American league has been "doped" from the first to be a strong aggregation, but not even the best sporting writers exposed it to make the showing that it has. Consistent, steady and heavy ball has been played by the team since the beginning of the season. It is assured a place in the first division if not at the top of the heap.

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Dope On Texas League Games

Friday's Games—Special Wire to The Herald.

GALVESTON DEFEATED.

San Antonio, Tex., June 4.—San Antonio defeated Galveston 7 to 2 Friday. Griffin was invincible, while Garber was pounded all over the sand lot when a hit means runs. Galveston rallied in the ninth. Spangler got a scratch hit. Brown then touched her side for a home run, bringing in Spangler ahead of him.

A GREAT GAME.

Shreveport, La., June 4.—In the greatest game of ball that has been played on the local grounds this season, the Pirates defeated Dallas by 10 to 0 Friday. Eas shot a ball to Gowdy. He made a bad heave over Gowdy's head and C. Smith came home with the deciding run.

SENSATIONAL GAME.

Waco, Tex., June 4.—In a highly sensational game, Waco defeated Houston Friday by a score of 3 to 1. Louell pitched a magnificent game. Houston's only run was made by accident. Middleton hit safe. Eubanks sacrificed him to second. Northern hit a long foul to Johnson, who caught it, after a long run, but collided with the club house and was stunned. This gave Middleton a chance to score from second.

GAME IS PROTESTED.

Oklahoma City, June 4.—The Indians and Panthers broke even on a double header Friday. The first game was 4 to 2. The second was 3 to 2. Manager Morris protested the second game on the ground that manager Andrews was on the ground while under suspension. A rough neck in the grand stand threw a broken bottle at Morris, cutting his right hand badly.

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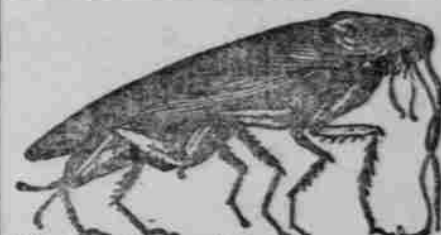
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